

“Hardy is a place where each student is treated as an individual and all students are given opportunities to grow and excel intellectually, artistically, personally, and socially.”

– Patrick Pope, Principal

**Hardy Middle School**  
**Grades: 6-8**

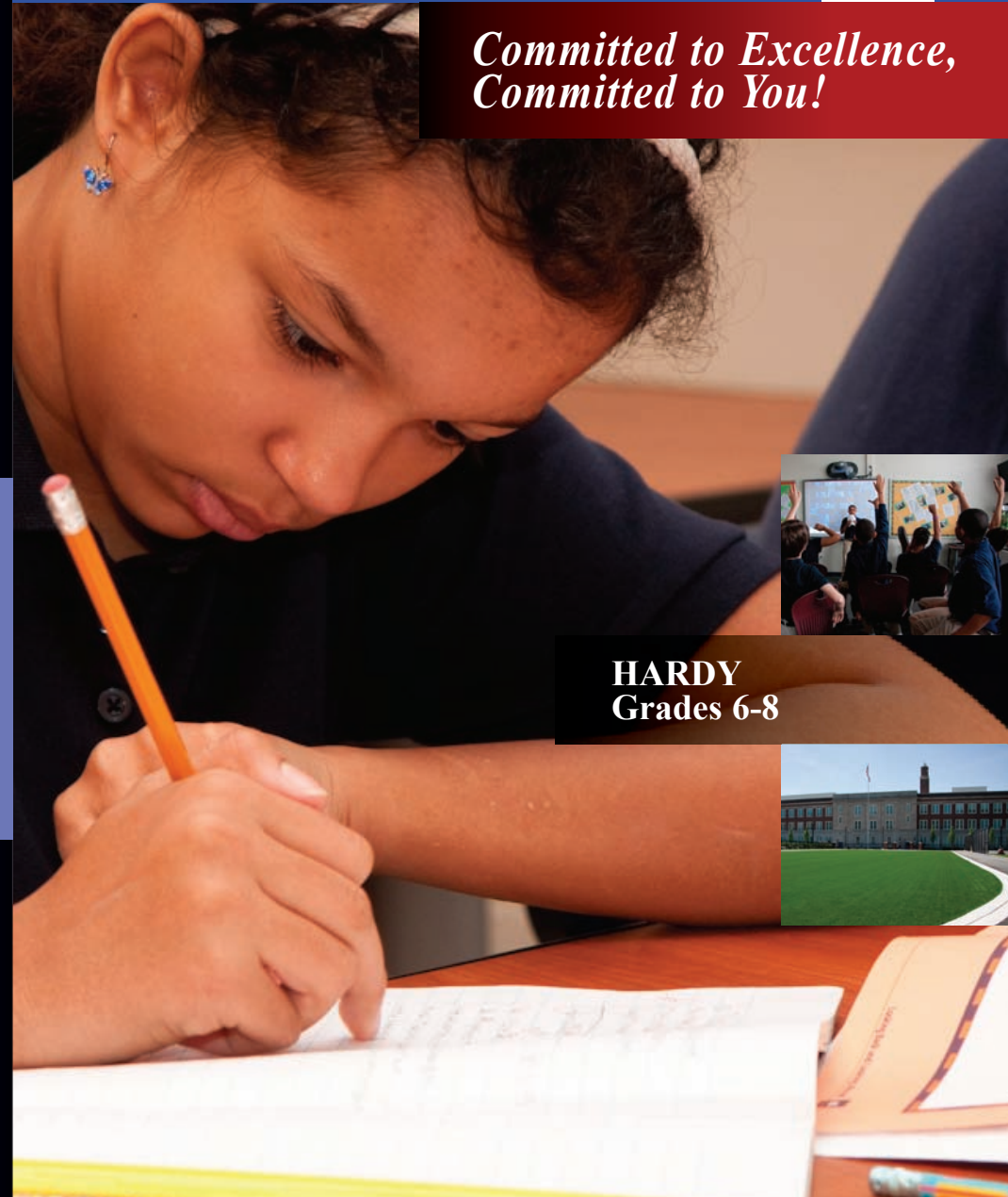
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**Middle School**

## Rediscover School Harmony at Hardy Middle School

At Hardy Middle School, talent meets hard work. It is the District's premiere arts and music middle school. For five of the past seven years (2001-2008), Hardy has exceeded the Adequate Yearly Progress academic performance targets set for middle schools. This makes Hardy Middle School **one of the highest performing schools in the District**.

The student body at Hardy has always been very diverse. Students come from **all corners of the world** and from **every quadrant of the city**. The richness of such diversity brings important opportunities for life lessons and deep personal growth to our students.



**“Our visual arts program allows students to use their creative minds to explore, create, and learn-not by a cookie cutter method but by experimentation, creation and exploring the many facets of the visual arts.”**

– Beverly Carpenter-Nickens, National Board Certified Teacher- Visual Arts

## Hardy Takes Pride in Its Faculty and Students

- **100%** of Hardy teachers are state-certified.
- **65%** of Hardy teachers hold an advanced degree.

Hardy is home to:

- **Yusef Chisholm**-recipient of the 2008 Washington Post Outstanding Teacher Award.
- **Lucille W. Hester**- 2008 District of Columbia Hall of Fame inductee.
- **Sarah Bax**- Milken Family Foundation Educator Award.

Hardy Middle School is now located in a **newly renovated facility** featuring enhanced science and computer labs, state of the art classrooms, music rehearsal and art rooms, new gymnasium and cafeteria.



## Hitting All the Right Notes

The **arts-focused syllabus** incorporates visual arts, instrumental/vocal music and theater into the core curriculum of coursework

- 6th graders are enrolled in a musical instrument class for the full year.
- 6th graders are enrolled in visual arts for the full year.
- 7th and 8th graders take a world language class for two years.

Students who graduate from Hardy are prepared to take their place in any high school program in the area. While many students matriculate to some of the District's best public high schools (Woodrow Wilson, School Without Walls, Benjamin Banneker, or Duke Ellington School of the Arts) families who choose independent schools discover that Hardy students are well prepared for any high school curriculum.



“DCPS has received significant resources over the last two years, enabling us to improve the quality of each and every school. You will find modernized facilities, committed teachers, and comprehensive course offerings, including music, art and technology. With many excellent schools to choose from, we encourage all families to seriously consider DCPS as a good option for their children.”

– Chancellor Michelle Rhee

